

**RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE OFFICE
OF CLERK AND REGISTER**

ESTATES AFTER 1993 ARE IN THE COMPUTER

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Clerk of Courts (Criminal, Juvenile, Dependency):

- Criminal records dating back 50 yrs to the present are available. Records relating to murders are retained permanently. All records are searched by name or case #.
- Records after 1994 are accessed through the computer. There are 2 terminals available for public use. You may also access criminal records after 1994 on the state website: <http://ujsportal.pacourts.us> by clicking on public web docket sheets & searching by name or docket #. (Only criminal records are available on this site).
- All records before 1994 are stored in the Archives & may be requested in advance for viewing. Please allow forty-eight (48) hours minimum for retrieval.
- Juvenile & Dependency Records are confidential.

**Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court
(Probate, Guardianships etc.):**

- Birth and death records in our office date from 1893-1905. Before 1893 there are no birth or death records in Mercer County. After 1905, they are in the Division of Vital Records in New Castle, PA--we have forms, directions and phone numbers for Vital Records.
- Marriage records start in 1885. In order to search the marriage records, you need at least One (1) name and an approximate date. As time permits, we are working on a cross index of alphabetizing the records and have completed to date all years except 1955 – 1962. Records after 1994 are accessed from the public computer terminals in our office.
- Probate records start in 1800. In order to search in the Russell Index System, you need a first and last name; approximate date of death is helpful. Many records are on microfiche. We have a microfiche reader/printer available for public use. Records not on microfiche are stored in the archives and may be requested in advance for review. Please allow forty-eight (48) hours minimum for retrieval. Records after 1944 are accessed from the public computer terminals in our office.
- Road and Bridge docket are also available in this office, spanning the years 1799-1984. All road and bridge docket are listed by township and year. They are now available on microfiche also.
- **ADOPTIONS IN PA RE CONFIDENTIAL.**

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